been completed except one Road Over Bridge (R.O.B.) which is being executed by Railways. The R.O.B. is likely to be completed by September, 2002.

(c) and (d) For completion of balance portion of Kollam by-pass it has been planned that the road work is to be taken up from budgetary resource and bridge work is to be taken up from budgetary resource and bridge works through private participation. The State PWD was requested in December, 2001 to examine the viability of this proposal. The response of State PWD is awaited.

National Highways No. 31A in Sikkim

1014. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Highways No. 31A which is the only life-line linking Sikkim to the rest of the world needs to be broadened and carpeted in view of the landslides and other such natural calamities; and

(b) if so, the scheme prepared for it and the time-frame laid down for it** early completion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]: (a) and (b) National Highway 31A in the State of Sikkim is being developed and maintained by Border Roads Organisation.The Highway has already been widened to intermediate lane. The scheme for widening to two lane is yet to be finalized and, therefore, it is too early to indicate the timeframe for its completion.

Improving NH No. 52

1015. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state the details of the action plan finalised to improve, widen and strengthen National Highways No. 52 during the current financial year and during the Tenth Plan indicating plan, allocations and target set including construction of bridge at Choukighat to reduce the distance by 50 kms.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]: Development and maintenance of National Highways No. 52 in the State of Assam has been entrusted to Border Roads Organization recently. The tentative works plan finalized by Border Roads Organization for the development of this National Highway during the current financial year includes formation widening in a length of 32 km., surfacing of about 20 km. permanent works amounting to Rs. 491 lakhs and major bridges aggregating to a length of 409 m. subject to availability of funds. Since the detailed survey of this National Highways is yet to be carried out by BRO, the details of action plan for its development including the construction of bridge at Chowkighat during 10th plan are yet to be finalized.

Central Funds for National Highways in A.P.

1016. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the Central funds and grants provided to Andhra Pradesh for development of National Highways and other roads development projects during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the projects started and those completed during the said period, year-wise and project-wise; and

(c) the present status of the projects and by when each of them would be accomplished?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]: (a) Central funds and grants provided in Andhra Pradesh for development of National Highways and other roads development projects in the last three years is given as under:—

Allocation (*Rs. in crores)*

	1999-2000	2000-2001	2001-2002
National Highways	57.08	112.38	103.80
State roads (under CRF)	2.24	27.20	51.38
Total	59.32	139.58	155.18